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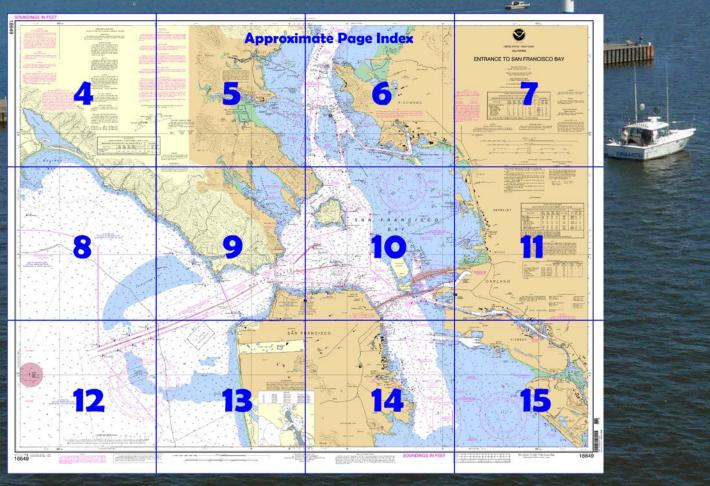
# Entrance to San Francisco Bay NOAA Chart 18649



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# What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

# What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <a href="http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov">http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov</a>.

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# **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=186">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=186</a> 49.

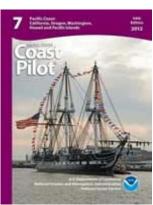
(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Bolinas Bay, E of Duxbury Point, is an

open bight 3.5 miles wide between

Duxbury Point and Rocky Point. The

bay affords shelter in NW weather in 24 to 36 feet, sandy bottom. Care must



be taken to avoid Duxbury Reef and the dangers extending up to 0.7 mile E of it. **Bolinas Lagoon** is separated from the bay by a narrow strip of sandy beach that is cut by a narrow shifting channel. The lagoon is shoal and entered only by small boats with local knowledge. The entrance has a depth

of less than 3 feet.

**Rocky Point** is 100 feet high and shelving. Numerous detached rocks are within 200 yards of the cliffs on the S side of the point.

Point Bonita, on the N side of the entrance to Golden Gate, is a sharp black cliff 100 feet high, increasing to 300 feet on its seaward face, 0.3 mile N. From NW it shows as three heads. Point Bonita Light (37°48'56"N., 122°31'46"W.), 124 feet above the water, is shown from a 33-foot white tower on the S head. A sound signal is at the light.

Bonita Cove, E of Point Bonita, is occasionally used as an anchorage by small vessels. Anchorage is close under Point Bonita in about 36 feet.

San Francisco Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy SF (37°45'00"N., 122°41'34"W.) is 9 miles WSW of San Francisco Bay entrance. The buoy is red and white and is equipped with a racon.

San Francisco Bar, a semicircular shoal with depths less than 36 feet, is formed by silt deposits carried to the ocean by the Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems. The bar extends from 3 miles S of Point Lobos to within 0.5 mile of Point Bonita off the southern coast of Marin Peninsula; the extreme outer part is about 5 miles WSW of San Francisco Bay entrance. Potatopatch Shoal, the N part of the bar on Fourfathom Bank, has reported depths of less than 23 feet. The name is said to have originated from the fact that schooners from Bodega Bay frequently lost their deck load of potatoes while crossing the shoal. The S part of the bar has depths of 31 to 36 feet.

**Golden Gate**, the passage between the ocean and San Francisco Bay, is 2 miles wide at the W end between Point Bonita and Point Lobos, but the channel is reduced in width to 1.5 miles by Mile Rocks and to less than 0.7 mile by the Golden Gate Bridge pier. Depths in the passage vary from 108 feet to over 300 feet.

Warning.—Very dangerous conditions develop over San Francisco Bar whenever large swells, generated by storms far out at sea, reach the coast. A natural condition called shoaling causes the large swells to be amplified and increase in height when they move over the shallow water shoals. This piling up of the water over the shoals is worsened during times when the tidal current is flowing out (ebbing) through the Golden Gate. Outbound tidal current is strongest about 4 hours after high water at the Golden Gate Bridge and attains a velocity in excess of 6 knots at times. The incoming large swells are met by outbound tidal current causing very rough and dangerous conditions over the bar. Steep waves to 20 or 25 feet have been reported in the area. Mariners should exercise extreme caution as the bar conditions may change considerably in a relatively short period of time.

The most dangerous part of the San Francisco Bar is considered to be Fourfathom Bank. Bonita Channel, between the shoal and the Marin coast, can also become very dangerous during large swell conditions. The safest part of the bar is the Main Ship Channel through the center of the bar. But even that area can be extremely dangerous when the tidal current is ebbing.

**Caution.**—Vessels departing San Francisco Bay through Bonita Channel on the ebb current must use extreme caution when crossing the tide rip off Point Bonita. When the bow passes the rip the stern is thrown to port and, unless promptly met, the vessel will head straight for the rocks off the point. Vessels favoring Potatopatch Shoal too closely have reported a set toward it.

Bonita Channel should not be used by large vessels.

# **U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center**

24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

**RCC** Alameda

Commander 11<sup>th</sup> CG District Alameda, CA

(510) 437-3700

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# **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE SUSPENSION BRIDGE VERT CL 225 FT CENTER VERT CL 213 FT N PIER VERT CL 211 FT S PIER The center of the span is marked by three white lights vertically in line above a fixed green light on each side.

### For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

Anchoring or dragging anchor within he charted limits of the Bay Area Rapic ransit (BART) tunnel crossing is prohibited

Mercator Projection Scale 1:40,000 at Lat 37° 51'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

### RICHMOND - SAN BAFAFI BRIDGE

3 fixed white lights are mounted vertically over fixed green lights at the center of the main navigation channel spans. Clearances of the main navigation channel

WEST CHAN EAST CHAN 1000 FT 970 FT 185 FT 135 FT

## RACING BUOYS

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

# SAN BAFAFI CREEK

The controlling depth was 4 feet for a mid-width of 50 feet from the channel entrance 37° 57′ 30″ N, 122° 27′ 34″ W, to the mouth of San Rafael Creek; thence 2 feet for a mid-width of 30 feet to the turning basin, 2 feet in the turning basin centered at 37°58'09.4"N, 122°31'04.9"W, thence 1 foot for a width of 60 feet to the Grand Ave. Bridge, except for shoal to bare for last Feb 2011-Jan 2012

# CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

NOTE H
High speed femies operate in the San Francisco
Bay. Mariners are cautioned that these craft
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tt angles to the normal direction of traffic
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tetween the origin or terminus of a charted ferry
oute and the actual ferry docking facility. Go to
yows s'mx.org for additional information on the
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# POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (foll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

# CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

# AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

### NOTE F

Rear range light is a private aid operated for near target light is a private aid operated in ships using the Ninth Avenue Turning Basin only. Range serves no purpose for any other transiting vessels and should not be used.

### ARTICULATED AIDS

An articulated aid to navigation consists of a pipe structure that oscillates around a universal coupling connected to a sinker. The structure is kept upright by the buoyancy of a submerged flotation chamber. It is designed primarily to mark narrow channels in depths of up to 60 feet. All articulated aids are labelled "Art".

# SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buovs.

Elevations of rocks, bridges, landmarks, and lights are in feet and refer to Mean High Water. Contour and summit elevation values are in feet and refer to Mean Sea Level.

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

# NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Mt. Pise, CA KHB-49 162.400 MHz WX2
Mt. Umunhum, CA KEC-49 162.550 MHz WX1
Mt. Umunhum, CA WWF-64 162.450 MHz WX5

# HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.265" southward and 3.900" westward to agree with this chart.

# NOTE S

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Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown.

# NOTE Z NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

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Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (treated or untreated) or install a holding tank. Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protaction Agency (EPA) web site: http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel\_sewage/.

# RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

### OAKLAND INNER HARBOR BRIDGES

FRUITVALE AVE RR LIFT BRIDGE HOR CL 200 FT VERT CL 13 FT DOWN VERT CL 135 FT UP

HIGH ST BASCULE BRIDGE HOR CL 244 FT HOR CL 129 FT (OPEN) VERT CL 16 FT (100 FT CENTER WIDTH)

FRUITVALE AVE BASCULE BRIDGE HOR CL 97 FT HOR CL 72 FT (OPEN) VERT CL 15 FT

PARK ST BASCULE BRIDGE HOR CL 241 FT HOR CL 139 FT (OPEN) VERT CL 15 FT (100 FT CENTER WIDTH)

BROOKLYN BASIN FIXED BRIDGE HOR CL 89 FT VERT CL 11 FT

# CAUTION

## BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

### SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Pilot.</u>

COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. Demarcation lines are shown thus: ————

The City of Richmond is requesting vessels use extreme caution when turning or anchoring in the vicinity of their 72° diameter sewer pipeline which is located 9300 feet offshore of Point Richmond at a depth of 26 feet below mean lower low water in approximate position 37°54'47"N, 122°25'06"W.

# DEEP WATER ROUTE

Vessels with a draft of 45 feet or greater should use the "Deep Water Route" east of the Golden Gate Bridge. Vessels intending to use the Deep Water Route should notify San Francisco Traffic before passing Mille Rocks. Deep draft vessels will neither meet nor overtake in the Deep Water Route. Deep draft vessels bound for anchorage 9 should pass east of Blossom Rock then through the C-D or D-E span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

# RECREATION AREAS

Recreation areas are intended primarily for use by recreation vessels. Such areas should not be used by vessels 300 gross tons or more, except in case of emergency or special circumstances.

Traffic lanes are intended for use by vessels 1600 gross tons and over; arrows indicate the approximate direction flow within each lane. The provisions of inland Navigation Rule 9 apply to all vessels navigating in the traffic lanes.

# VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE

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The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system in the San Francisco Bay and surrounding areas. Vessel operating procedures and designated radiotelephone frequencies are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast Pilot, and/or the VTS User's Manual. Mariners should consult these sources for applicable rules and reporting requirements. Although mandatory VTS participation is limited to the navigable waters of the United States, certain vessels are encouraged or may be required, as a condition of port entry to report beyond this area to facilitate advance vessel traffic management within the VTS area.

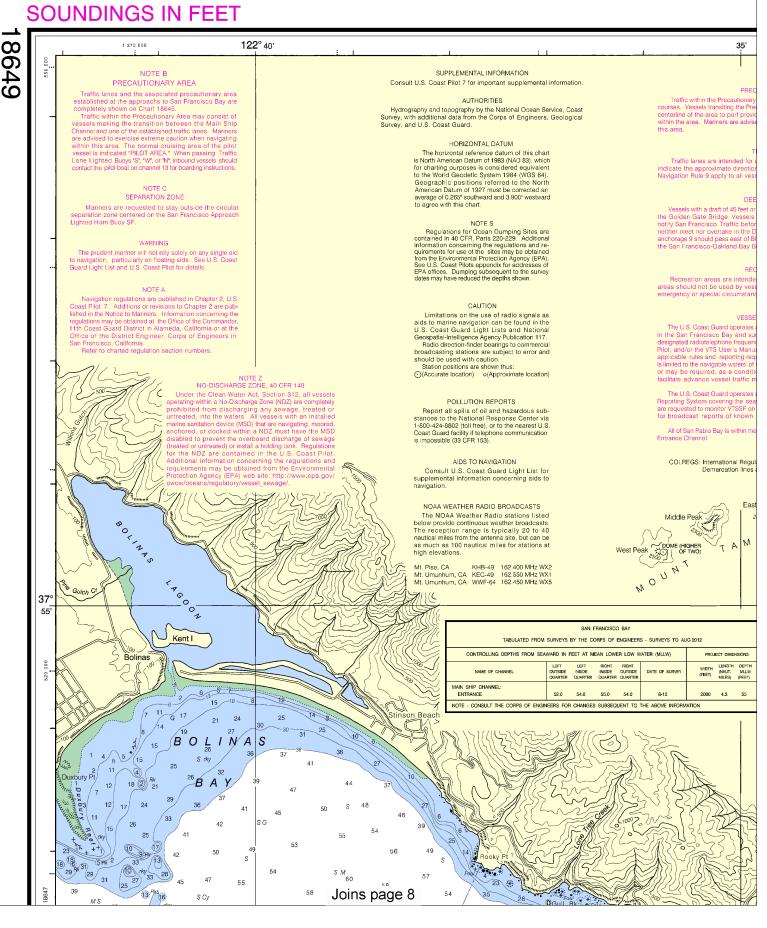
The U.S. Coast Guard operates a Vessel Traffic Service Offshore Vessel Movement Reporting System covering the seaward approaches to San Francisco Bay. Vessels are requested to monitor YTSSF on Channel 12 at 15 and 45 minutes past each hour for broadcast reports of known shipping traffic in the area.

All of San Pablo Bay is within the VTS area with the exception of the Petaluma River

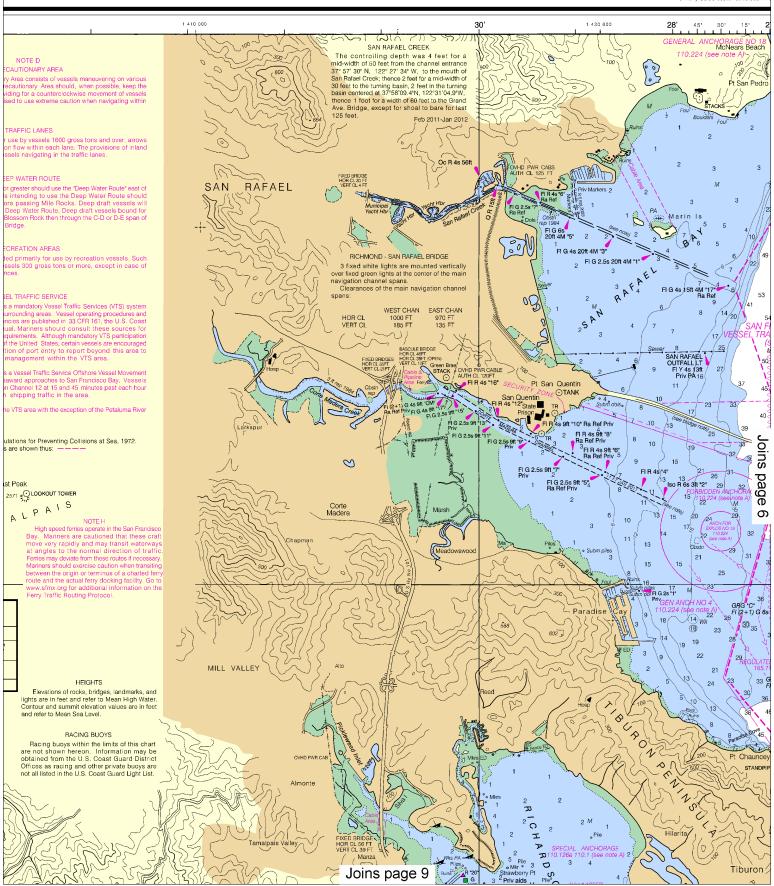
TIDAL INFORMATION				
PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
		feet	feet	feet
Oakland Inner Harbor	(37°48'N/122°17'W)		5.8	1.1
Point Orient	(37°57'N/122°25'W)	6.0	5.4	1.1
San Francisco (Golden Gate)	(37°48'N/122°28'W)	5.8	5.2	1.1
Rincon Point, Pier 22 1/2	(37°47'N/122°23'W)	6.3	5.7	1.1
Hunters Point , California	(37°44'N/122°21'W)	6.7	6.1	1.1
Yerba Buena Island	(37°49'N/122°22'W)	6.2	5.5	1.1
NOTE				

Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.

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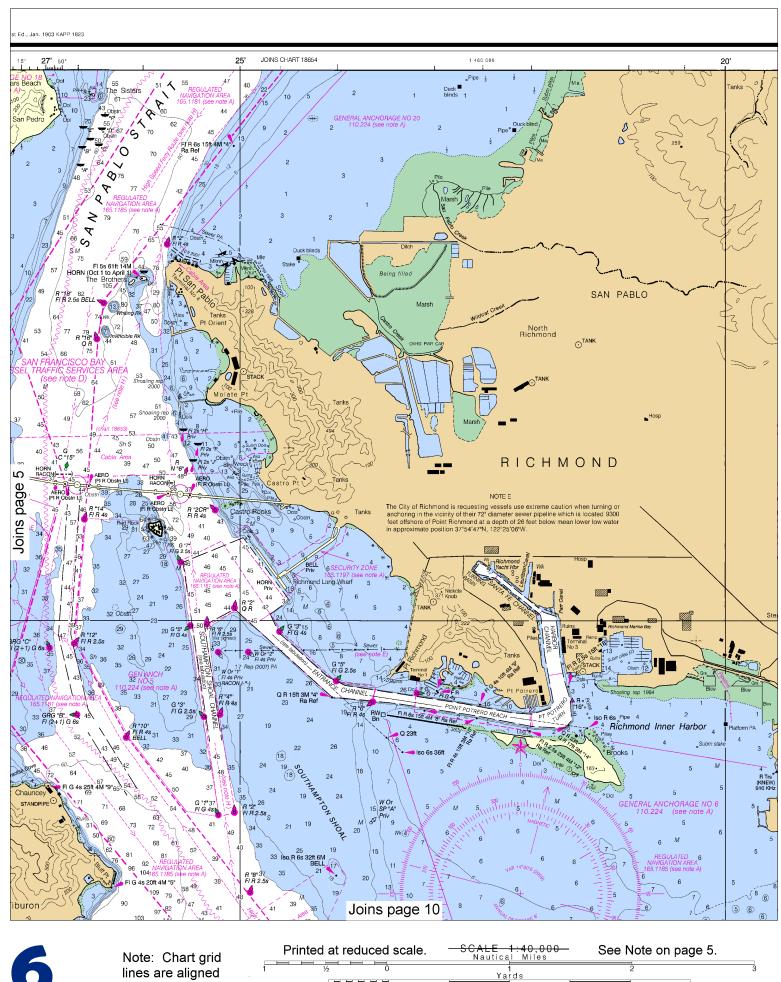




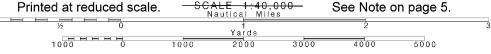


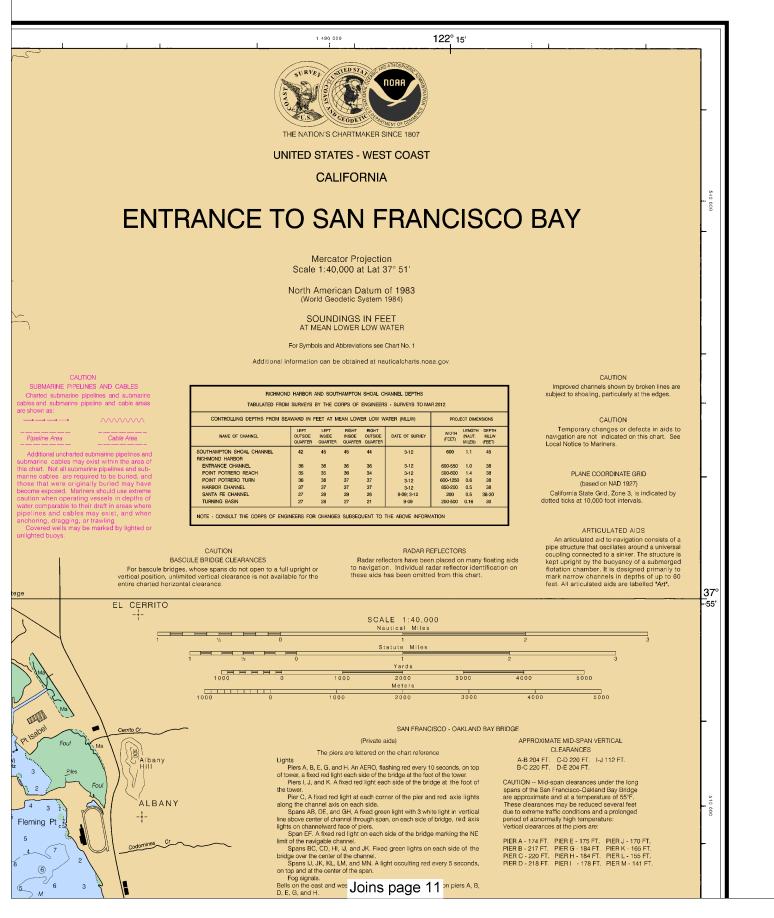
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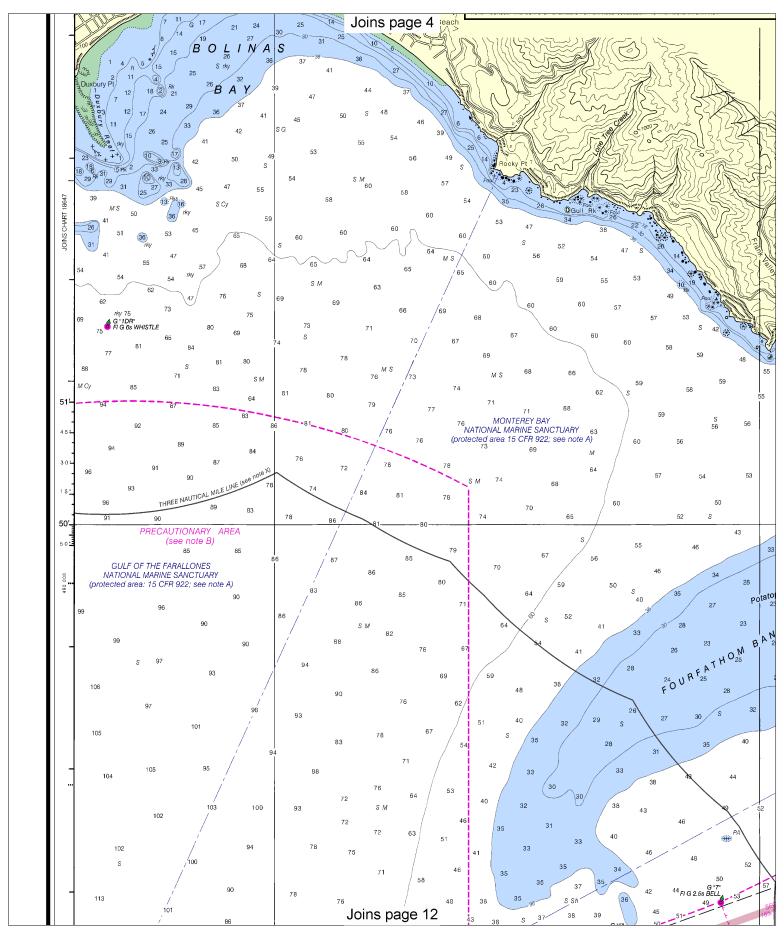


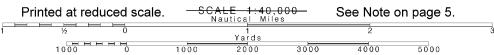


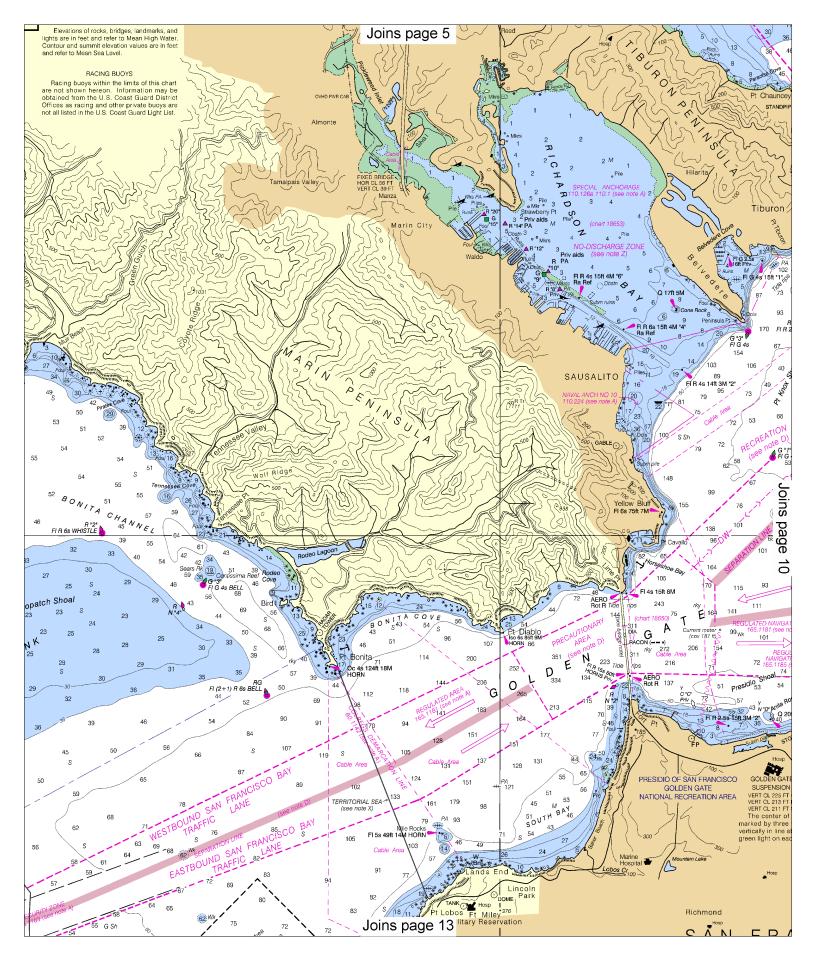
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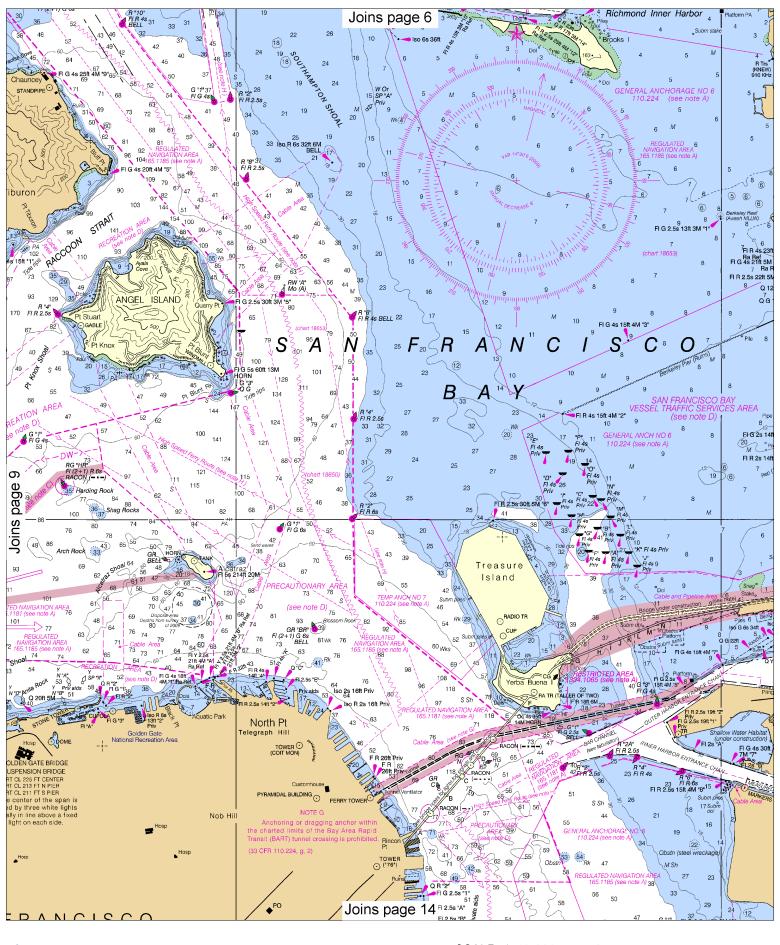




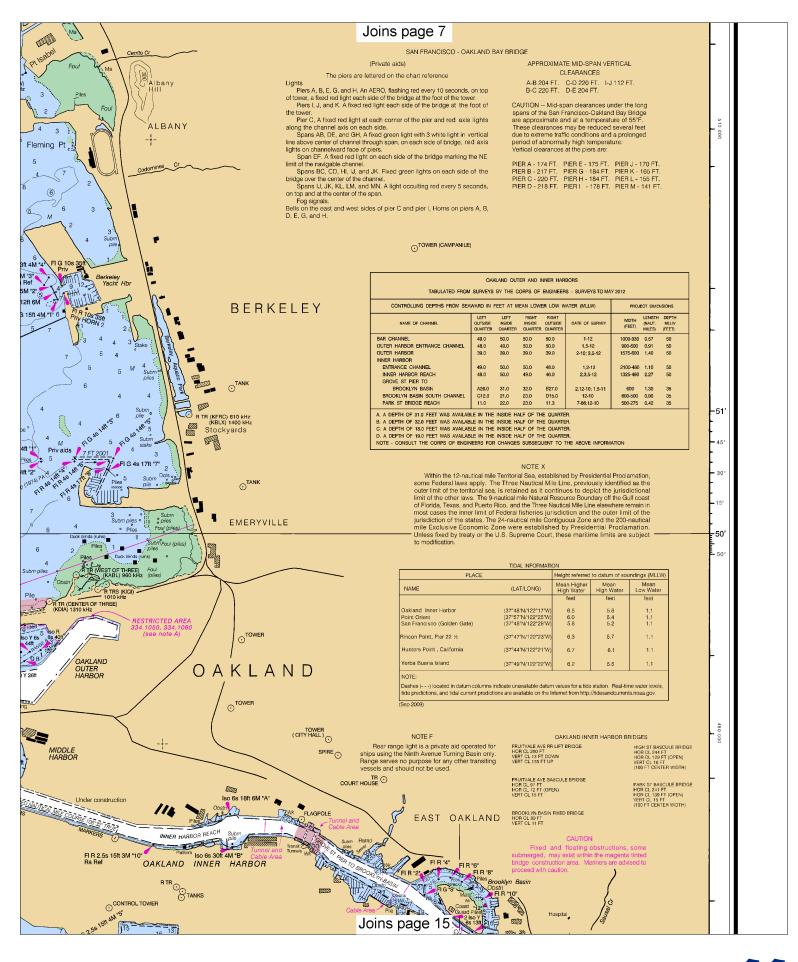


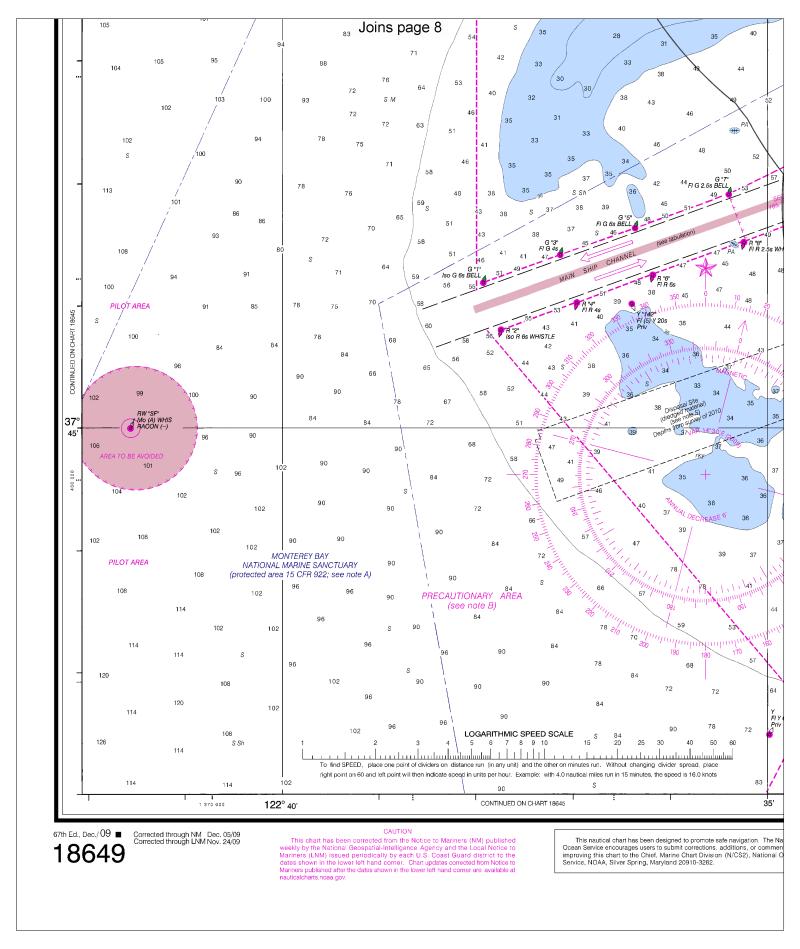




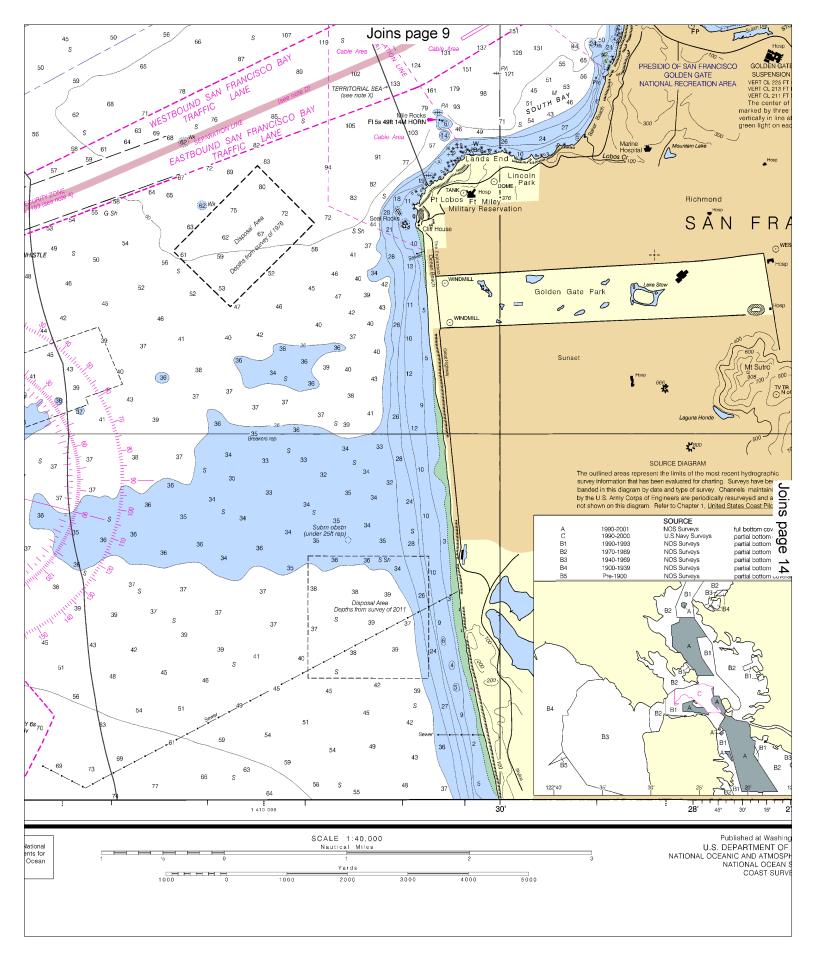


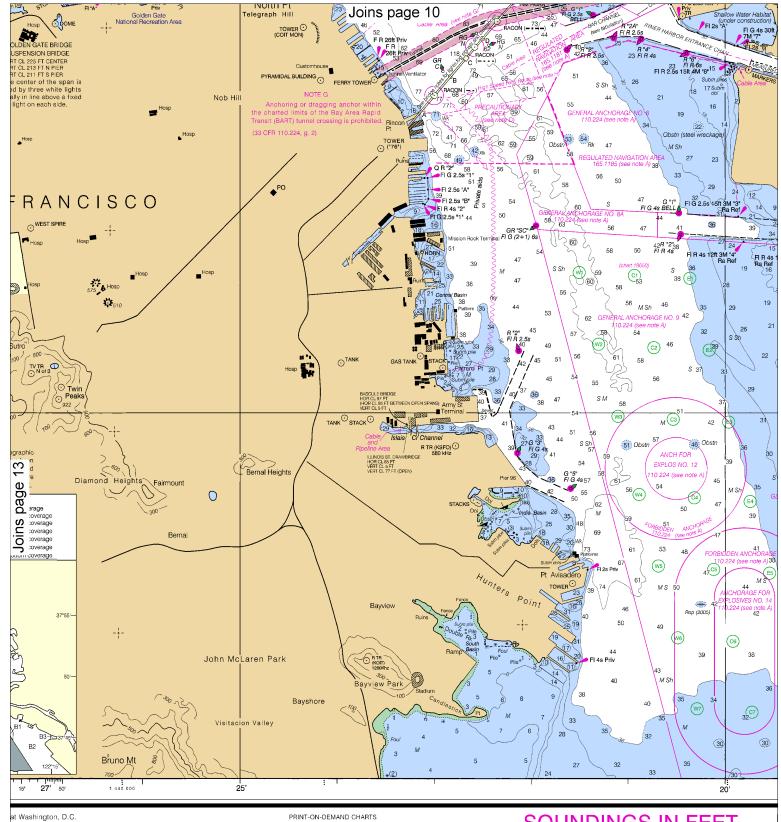










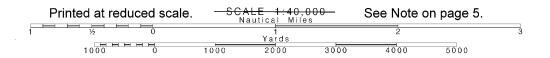


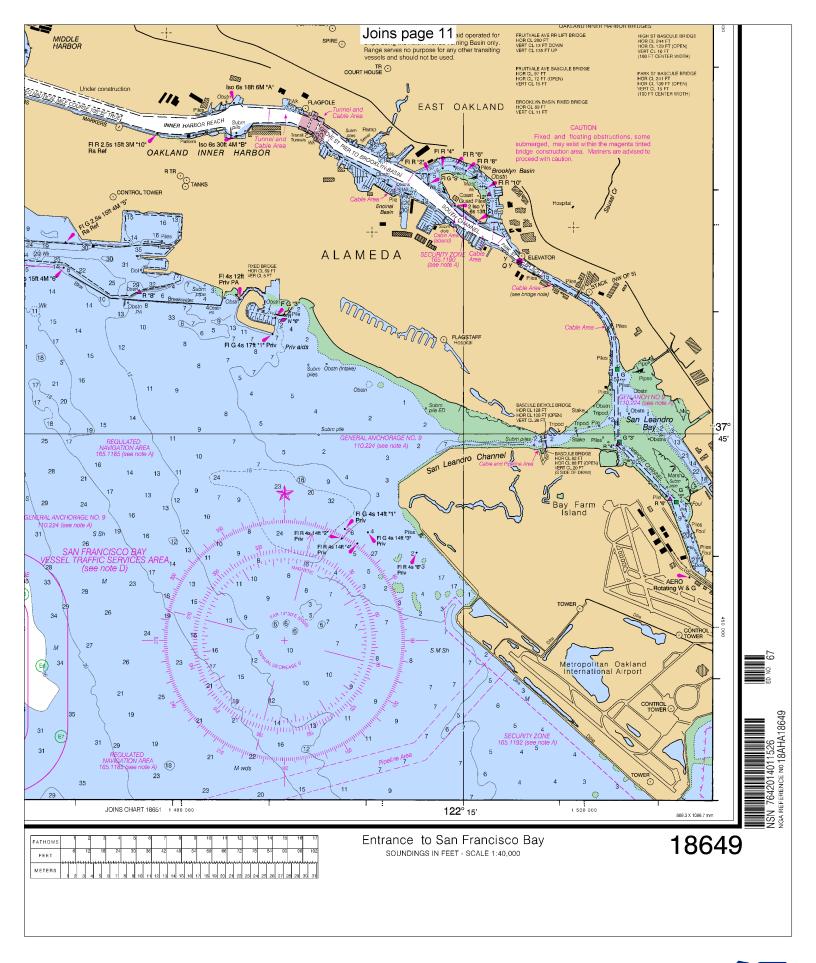
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# SOUNDINGS IN FEET







# VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

# **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

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Coast Pilot online — http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm

Tides and Currents — http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov

Marine Forecasts — http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/home.htm

National Data Buoy Center — http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/

NowCoast web portal for coastal conditions — http://www.nowcoast.noaa.gov/

National Weather Service — http://www.weather.gov/

National Hurrican Center — http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/

Pacific Tsunami Warning Center — http://ptwc.weather.gov/

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